

APPENDIX L

THE VALAKHILYA HYMNS

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To Indra; the rishi is Praskanwa.

1. I would praise to you the bounteous
Indra as is fit,
—the wealth-abounding Maghavan, who
loves to help
with thousandfold treasure those who praise
him.

2- He rushes on boldly like a weapon with a
hundred
edges, he smites the enemies of his
worshipper; the
gifts of him who feeds many, swell like the
streams of
a mountain.

3. The expressed exhilarating Soma-juices,
O Indra,
lover of hymns, fill thee for bounty, O hero, O
thunderer^
as the waters flow to their accustomed lake.

4. Drink the incomparable, helpful, swelling
beverage,
the sweetest of the Soina, that in thy
exultation thou
mayest pour out treasure for us, just as the
mill-stone
pours out meal.²

5. Come quickly to our praise,³—urged on by
the Soma-
pressers like a horse,—which the milch-kme
make sweet

¹ On these hymns cf. *supra*, p. 96. As Siyana gives no commentary be'e, the St. Petersburg Diet., Grassmann's Lexicon and translation, and translation and notes have been consulted for this translation.

² The St. Petersburg Diet., takes *dhritad* as

³ Grassmann proposes to read *somam*.